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Fragment

DO YOU  
HAVE A  
MOMENT?

UHHH...

HOW CAN  
I GET TO  
THE WEST  
EXIT?

I'M  
LOST...

A Kuler  
in the  
twilight.  
What  
is that  
man's true  
identity?

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カ  
ツ

# Fragment

A young talent appears!

MIYAKATA  
SHIKI

未練という想いを抱いて。

*Embrace the feeling  
of attachment.*

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WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN,  
UMA-CHAN?

RIGHT  
THEN,  
DEATH  
GODS!

I MEAN  
EXACTLY  
WHAT I  
SAID.

YOU'RE  
SAYING THAT  
KUSOHU ...?

LET'S  
GET TO  
WORK  
TODAY!



THEY ARE THE  
PERSONAL  
THOUGHTS  
OF PEOPLE  
WHO DIED WITH  
ATTACHMENTS  
TO THE REAL  
WORLD...



KILLING  
SUCH A  
PRETTY  
LADY IS UN-  
FORGIVABLE!

STILL,  
THE WAY  
SHE WAS  
KILLED WAS  
HORRIBLE!



Hee, how  
disgusting...

DEATH  
GODS





ISN'T HE  
SOME KIND  
OF PER-  
VERT?

ANYWAY,  
HE'S A  
DEMON!  
THAT MAKES  
HIM OUR  
NATURAL  
ENEMY!

CAFE  
X



**RAVEN  
CROW.**

THAT IS WHAT  
HE'S CALLED,  
BUT I'M NOT  
SURE...



RIGHT,  
THERE'S NO  
USE FOR US!

**UGH!**

HOW DISGUSTING!  
I BET HE EATS  
SOULS, RIGHT?



THERE'S A  
LETTER OF  
EXPLANATION  
TO WRITE!

**HEEHEE,  
YUKA! DON'T  
RUN AWAY!**

IT LOOKS  
LIKE THERE  
IS NO WORK  
FOR US, SO  
I'M GOING  
HOME.

I'LL  
LEAVE  
THE REST  
TO YOU.







I KNOW,  
BUT I JUST  
WANTED TO GET  
SOME AIR.

IT'S  
COLD!



DOING THAT  
WILL ONLY  
MAKE YOU  
FEEL WORSE!

HEY, KAKARA!  
TELL THE BACK  
GIRL OVER  
THERE!



MR. SLACKER!

WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?

She's  
too old  
to be  
called  
a girl.



I'M SURPRISED  
YOU'RE COMING  
IN THROUGH  
THE WINDOW.

WHAT BUSINESS  
COULD MR. SLACKER  
HAVE WITH A GIRL  
LIKE ME TODAY?



WHA...

WHAT?



DO YOU  
REALLY WANT  
TO BE WITH  
ME THAT  
MUCH?

I SUPPOSE  
YOU SHIPPED  
WORK TO  
COME HERE,  
RIGHT?



IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
THAT...



DON'T SAY  
THAT TO  
MY FACE!

WHA...  
YOU  
ARE  
SERIOUSLY  
BORING!

YOU'RE JUST  
STUBBORN  
TO THE POINT  
THAT YOU CAN'T  
COOPERATE!

HONESTLY!  
IT'S NOT THAT  
YOU CAN'T  
COOPERATE.



BA...  
I DON'T  
WANT TO!  
THAT'S  
BORING!

SHE'S MUCH  
BICKER THAN  
SHE LOOKS  
ON TOP OF  
THAT, IT'S AN  
ADMISSIBLE  
FLAW.

HUH?

ANYWAY,  
YOU MUST  
BE FEELING  
COLD!

SICK PEOPLE  
NEED THEIR  
REST!



**ARE YOU  
A CHILD?!**

**BUT YOU  
REALLY  
ARE SICK!**

Let's have  
some fun,  
Yaku-kun~

I don't  
want to  
be treated  
like a sick  
person  
either!

But why?  
How can  
she be so  
carefree...



PEOPLE  
WHO WON'T  
LIVE MUCH  
LONGER  
CAN SEE  
DEATH GODS.



BUT SHE  
DOESN'T  
SEEM  
CONCERNED  
AT ALL...

Zeas,  
being with  
her drives  
me crazy...

AND THAT  
I'LL TAKE  
HER SOUL...

THAT'S WHY  
KAKUZA  
KNOWS  
I'M A  
DEATH  
GOD.



WHEN I FIRST  
MET YOU.

THE DAY  
I WAS  
SUPPOSED  
TO DIE...



.....

ON THE ARMS OF  
A NEW MOON,  
A SINGLE LIFE

ATTEMPTED TO  
DISAPPEAR INTO  
THE SILENCE.

THAT'S  
RIGHT...

PERHAPS THINGS  
HAD ALREADY  
BEEN GOING  
BADLY BACK  
THEN...

SO WHY  
CAN'T I TAKE  
HER SOUL?



I WAS  
JUST...

REMEMBERING  
THAT TIME...

MUH...

WELL...  
I'M TIRED  
ANYWAY....

HERE  
I GO!

Cough  
Cough  
Cough

IT ALWAYS  
I SHOULD CALL  
SOMEONE...

BUT I CAN'T  
SPEAK...

I'LL BE  
ALONE  
AGAIN...

I SEE...

I'M GOING  
TO DIE...





"STOP."



I WANT  
TO KNOW  
THAT TOO...

I DON'T HAVE  
ANY MEMORIES  
OF WHO I AM

BECAUSE I'VE  
FORGOTTEN  
EVERYTHING

WHO  
AM I?

WHO  
ARE  
YOU?



BEFORE  
IT WAS A  
DEATH GOD

OF  
SCEPTERS  
I DID

I HAVE NO  
MEMORIES

I don't even  
know what  
I was!

HEY...

WHY  
DIDN'T  
I...







THERE  
IS...

A REASON WHY  
I COULDN'T. WHY?

WAS  
ENOUGH

HUH...?

DIE BACK  
THEN?



DON'T  
TRY TO  
TRICK ME!

to avoid  
the question

THERE  
IS NO  
WAY

I COULD  
TELL YOU  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT!



BUT WHEN  
I FIRST  
SAW YOU  
BACK THEN...

I THOUGHT  
AN ANGEL  
HAD COME

AN  
ANGEL  
REFUSED  
TO DO  
IT...



IT WAS  
FOURTEEN

COME TO  
THAT OF IT

WHY DID  
I END UP

BEING UNABLE TO  
SWING MY SCYTHE?

MY ONLY  
FRIEND...

YES...

YOUR  
FRIEND?

I WAS THINKING  
THAT HE LOOKED  
JUST LIKE YOU,  
YUKI-KUN...

BECAUSE  
ONE OF MY  
FRIENDS HAS  
SOFT HAIR  
JUST LIKE  
YOUR!

YES!

AN  
ANGEL?

HAHA...

AH, IT HAPPENED AGAIN... SOMETHING INSIDE MY MIND...

WHY IS IT THAT WHEN I'M WITH HER...

SO WHEN  
I'M WITH  
YOU, IT'S  
LIKE BEING  
WITH HIM...

HE LOVES  
FLOWERS,  
AND IF HE HAS  
TIME HE COMES  
IN THROUGH  
THE WINDOW  
TO SEE ME.

THAT BOY HAS  
NO RELATIVES, AND  
HE'S BEEN LOOKING  
AFTER OUR GARDEN  
FOR A LONG TIME.



IT'S  
FUN!



YES, PRETTY  
STRANGE...

REALLY?

YOU'VE  
GOT TO BE  
STRANGE IF  
YOU THINK  
BEING WITH  
A DEATH GOD  
IS FUN...

YES!

IS-BEING  
WITH ME...?



HEY...  
HUH?!



BUT...  
I DON'T FEEL  
"SCARED"...



WHEN I'M...  
WITH... YOU  
KUNA-KUN...

NOT REALLY  
YOUR CONCERN,  
YUKA-KUN.

BUT  
THAT'S

ALTHOUGH  
THERE'S NO  
WAY I COULD  
KNOW HER...

BUT...

I'M  
SORRY...

I FEEL LIKE  
I'M FORGETTING  
SOMETHING...

HAHA...  
I GUESS I WAS  
MOVING AROUND  
TOO MUCH...

HEY...  
**HOLD ON!**

RECENTLY...

I HAVEN'T BEEN  
ABLE TO SEE  
MY FRIEND. SO...  
IT'S FUN BEING  
WITH YOU...





IT'S YOUR  
FAULT  
THAT I...

DON'T  
PLAY DUMB...  
WHERE HAVE  
YOU BEEN WAN-  
DERING AROUND  
UNTIL NOW??

WHAT IS  
IT, KUGUYOU?  
WHY ARE YOU  
MAKING THAT  
SCARY FACE?

HE'S STILL  
HOLDING A  
GRUDGE...

Yukie is  
perceptive,  
Kugyou



HEY,  
YUKA!



TO SEE  
KANNA-SAN?

COULD  
IT BE THAT  
YOU WENT



HEY, YOU!  
YOU DIDN'T  
TAKE HER  
GOAL YET?

.....

THAT  
SICK  
GIRL?

AREN...



DO YOU  
REALLY?!

I KNOW.

DEATH GODS  
SHOULDN'T  
INTERFERE  
WITH HUMANS!

HAVE YOU  
FORGOTTEN  
YUKA?

ARE YOU  
STILL OKAY  
WITH THAT?

THE DEATH  
GODS WHO  
DON'T OBEY  
THAT ARE  
DEALT WITH  
SEVERELY...

THERE'S ONE  
REASON DEATH  
GODS WON'T  
INTERFERE  
WITH HUMANS...

DEATH GODS  
WERE ALSO  
HUMAN ONCE.  
SOMEBODY THAT  
LOVES HIS SOULS  
CANNOT HAVE A  
HUMAN HEART.

HINAKO

TO KEEP  
HER ALIVE

THAT'S RIGHT...  
I HAVE NO  
REASON

SO  
WHY...

I REALLY  
DON'T KNOW.

I WANT  
TO SEE HER  
A LITTLE  
LONGER...

SOMEHOW  
I FEEL  
THAT WAY...

EVEN I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
WHY I'M  
DOING THIS.

RENA

BUT...

HEY...

YOU...



THERE'S TROUBLE  
FOR US WHEN  
WE'RE WITH YOU,  
YOU KNOW?

TRY DOING  
THE ONE WHO  
HAS TO MAKE AN  
EXCUSE FOR OUR  
SUPERIORITY!

AH

—

SO...

I WILL  
COLLECT  
HER SOUL.



SORRY...



AH...

THANKS...



WE'RE FRIENDS,  
RIGHT? AT TIMES  
LIKE THIS, YOU  
SHOULD SAY  
"THANKS".

THAT'S  
NOT RIGHT,  
STUPID!









"DO YOU  
WORK AT  
MY HOUSE?"



HEH...?



WHY CAN'T  
I RELEASE  
MY SCENT?

AND IT'S  
ONLY HRT...

GET HEAD-  
ACHES  
WHEN I'M  
WITH HRT?

WHY DO I  
SOMETIMES



HEH...?

COME TO  
THINK OF IT,  
THAT VOICE...

WHO  
IS IT?

"STOP  
THAT."



"WILL YOU BE  
MY FRIEND?"

"BUT I CAN'T GO OUT  
BECAUSE I'M SICK."

"DO YOU LIKE  
FLOWERS?"

"YEAH..."

"WHAT IS...  
THIS?"

KANNA?

"I WISH HE  
COULD BE  
TOGETHER  
FOREVER..."

WHO  
ARE YOU  
INSIDE  
MY MIND?





THAT GUY...

I WAS  
WRONG  
AGAIN...



THAT  
EVEN CROW  
WOULD HAVE  
TO ADMIRE...

"HE'S QUITE  
CRUEL, EVEN  
FOR A DEMON."

"AND I THINK  
THAT THE LAST  
WILL BE A WOMAN'S  
SOON, TOO..."







THE NEXT  
TIME WILL BE  
THE LAST...

BEFORE...?

I'VE SEEN THEM  
BEFORE...

THIS SMELL...  
I SEE, IT'S  
OVER THERE...



DO I KNOW  
YOU....?

I'VE  
SEEN HIM  
BEFORE...?

W-WAIT....!



—  
!?





GET  
LOSE.

YOU'RE NOT  
THE ONE I'M  
LOOKING FOR.



HEY!

WAIT!  
WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?!



WHY DID  
I DIE?

MY MEMORIES  
ARE FRAGMENTED.

ABOUT  
EVEN KNOW  
MYSELF.



...

IT'S NOT  
RANDOM.

IT'S YOUR  
REVENGE.



WHO  
AM I?!

OUT MY HEART  
JUST WON'T  
STAY CALM...  
IT'S AS IF...

I'M  
WORRIED  
THAT I'VE  
FORGOTTEN  
SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT...



.....

COUGH

COUGH

I...  
LIED TO  
SUOKA-KUN!!

Am...

Blood...



OKAY, DONE!



TO HIM  
THAT'S JUST  
NOT TRUE!

I WON'T  
ASK HOW  
YOU GOT  
HURT,

BUT I DON'T  
WANT YOU  
OVERDOING  
THINGS!



TO HIM  
THAT'S JUST  
NOT TRUE!

I WON'T  
ASK HOW  
YOU GOT  
HURT,

BUT I DON'T  
WANT YOU  
OVERDOING  
THINGS!

SO...  
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

SO...  
WANT DID YOU WANT TO TALK A-BOUITY

I WAS FAST ASLEEP, YOU KNOW?

I'M SORRY FOR COMING SO LATE...

IF SHE KNOWS SOMETHING...

BUT I CAN'T TAKE HER SIDE...

I WAS FAST ASLEEP, YOU KNOW?

I'M SORRY FOR COMING SO LATE...

IF SHE KNOWS SOMETHING...

BUT I CAN'T TAKE HER BACK...

I WAS FAST ASLEEP, YOU KNOW?

I'M SORRY FOR COMING SO LATE...

IF SHE KNOWS SOMETHING...

BUT I CAN'T TAKE HER SIDE...

I WAS FAST ASLEEP, YOU KNOW?

I'M SORRY FOR COMING SO LATE...

IF SHE KNOWS SOMETHING...

BUT I CAN'T TAKE HER BACK...

I WAS FAST ASLEEP, YOU KNOW?

I'M SORRY FOR COMING SO LATE...

IF SHE KNOWS SOMETHING...

BUT I CAN'T TAKE HER BACK...



I'M PRETTY  
SURE I KNOW  
WHY YOU  
ASKED THAT...

I'M SORRY,  
I LIED TO  
YOU...

Huh...?

I KNEW  
YOU'D ASK  
THAT!



FIVE YEARS  
AGO...

HE ACTUALLY  
DIED...



BECAME  
CERTAIN...

NO  
DOUBT...

HE WAS  
MURDERED...  
IT WAS  
TERRIBLE.

THE KILLER  
STILL HADN'T  
BEEN FOUND...

HEY...

IT MUST  
BE THAT...

OH...P

HAS SHE EVER  
LOOKED THAT  
LOWLYUP

WELL...

EVEN THOUGH  
I SHOULDN'T  
KEEP THINKING  
ABOUT IT,

IT'S LONELY  
NOT HAVING  
A FRIEND...

WOULD  
YOU...

WOULD  
YOU REGRET  
IT IF YOU  
DIED NOW?

HMM...

I WONDER...  
I DON'T  
KNOW

ALTHOUGH  
THIS GUY IS  
FRONT OF ME  
KEEPING HIM  
I WAS HUMAN...

AM I  
FORGETTING  
SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT?

**FOOT  
STAMPING  
AUTHOR...**



SEE  
YOU...

I SEE...

OHAY,  
I UNDER-  
STAND...

IT'S TOO  
LATE

BUT I'M A  
DEATH GOD...  
AND KAINUA IS...

SOMEWHERE  
IN MY HEART,  
I DON'T WANT  
HER TO DIE

TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
I SOMEWHAT  
UNDERSTAND

MY  
FORGOTTEN  
DUAL LIFE.

MY LOST  
MEMORIES.

MY  
FRAGMENTED  
HEART AND  
MEMORIES.



WOULD I  
STILL BE  
FEELING  
LIKE THIS

"YOU'RE  
NOT THE  
ONE I'M  
LOOKING  
FOR. GET  
LOST."

IF I HADN'T  
MET KANNA?

WHY DID  
I SUDDENLY  
REMEMBER  
HIS WORDS?

RIGHT...  
WHAT DID  
THAT EVEN  
MEAN?

KUROBAUM...  
DOES  
THAT DEMON  
HAVE SOME  
KIND OF  
CONNECTION  
WITH ME TOO?



NOW I'M  
AFRAID...

OH  
MAN...

THE MEMORY  
I WAS SO  
CONCERNED  
ABOUT...

BUT I  
REALLY AM  
CONCERNED...

DID  
I HAVE  
WHEN  
I DIED?

WHAT KIND OF  
ATTACHMENTS

THAT WOULD...  
JUST LIKE  
THE OTHER  
TIME...



"THEN  
REMEMBER."

"THAT ONE  
IS PASTY."

"THEN WHAT  
DOES THIS MEAN IN  
FLOWER LANGUAGE?"

"IS JUST LIKE YOU"

"IT ALSO MEANS  
'KINDNESS'."

"HMM?"

"AND  
THEN THIS FLOWER..."

"YOU'RE SO  
STUBBORN."

"IN FLOWER LANGUAGE,  
THEY MEAN 'THANK YOU'."

"IT'S NOTHING"

"THANK YOU  
FOR THE  
FLOWERS"



"WHO ARE  
YOU?"

"I'VE  
FOUND  
YOU..."

"WHY DON'T  
LEAVE ME  
ALONE..."

"I DON'T  
WANT THAT!"

"OH PEARL  
YOU CAME IN  
THAT WAY  
AGAIN!"



"BUT IT'S  
FASTER  
THIS WAY..."

"THAT'S BAD  
MANNERS."

"YUUKA!"

AH...





HAD BEEN  
THIS CLOSE?

THAT MY  
DAILY LIFE...



I SEE  
THAT VOICE  
WAS MINE.

SO  
THAT'S  
IT...

KURORANE  
KILLED ME...

THE VOICE  
WAS ALWAYS  
TRYING TO  
TELL ME...



NOW THAT I'M  
ALL ALONE...

WHAT KIND OF  
ATTACHMENTS  
WILL I HAVE  
WHEN I DIE?

WOULD YOU  
BE SAD IF  
I DIED?

.....

キミは...  
...お友達...

TAKING  
YOUR SOUL.

SORRY,  
BUT I'LL BE

HUH?



WHY DIDN'T  
I REALIZE IT  
SOONER?!



WHO...

ARE YOU?



I HAVE  
A BAD  
FEELING  
ABOUT THIS!



IF THAT'S  
WHAT HE  
MEANT...



"YOU'RE  
NOT THE  
ONE I'M  
LOOKING  
FOR."



KANNA!







KA...



IT'S NO USE...  
SHE'S GOING  
TO DIE.



HEY!  
HOLD ON!

HEY...!



MY ATTACK-  
MENT IS...

I'VE GOT TO  
SAY IT NOW...

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
I WAS NEVER  
ABLE TO SAY



I WAS  
AN EMPTY  
PERSON  
WHO HAD  
NOTHING...

YOU WERE  
A SPECIAL  
FRIEND  
TO ME...

I ALWAYS  
FELT IT...

BUT WHY  
COULDN'T  
I SAY IT?

I'M SORRY  
I NEVER  
REALIZED...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU DID...

I'M SORRY  
FOR LEAVING  
YOU ALL  
ALONE...

IT'S  
ALRIGHT,  
YUUKA...

"THANK  
YOU..."



YOU  
AND I...  
AREN'T  
ALONE...



KANNA...?



I BEG YOU...  
PLEASE...  
SAY SOME-  
THING...



YOU JUST  
HAVE TO  
KILL ME...



**KANNA!!!**

SAY  
SOME-  
THING...

HEY! OPEN  
YOUR EYES!  
WAKE UP!









AH! GOOD  
TIMING,  
HINA-  
CHAN ☆

I'VE  
BRINGED  
HER HERE,  
KAZUYOU.

BUT STILL,  
KAZUHI...

KUROBANE...

WAS HE REALLY  
A BAD GUY?



SHUT  
UP!

probably  
is dego

SO  
YOU CAN  
CHEER  
UP!

WE'VE GOT  
A NEW  
MEMBER,  
YUKI!



!?

He  
about  
die  
will  
there?



YES?

U-UHMM...

I'M NEW  
TO THIS...  
BUT I HOPE  
WE CAN GET  
ON WELL!





BUT...

YOU MIGHT  
BE MISAKI  
KOSAKI

Huh?

HOW DO  
YOU KNOW  
MY NAME?



KANNA...?

THANK YOU

THOSE WORDS  
GAVE SOME  
COURAGE  
TO SAY...



YES, MY  
NAME IS  
KANNA!

WHICH  
CONNECT  
PEOPLE  
TOGETHER

★ Thank you for your support.

THE END.